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GREAT SHOOTING, AMIGO!
GOOD SHOOTING, INDEED! THIS IS A GREAT VICTORY!

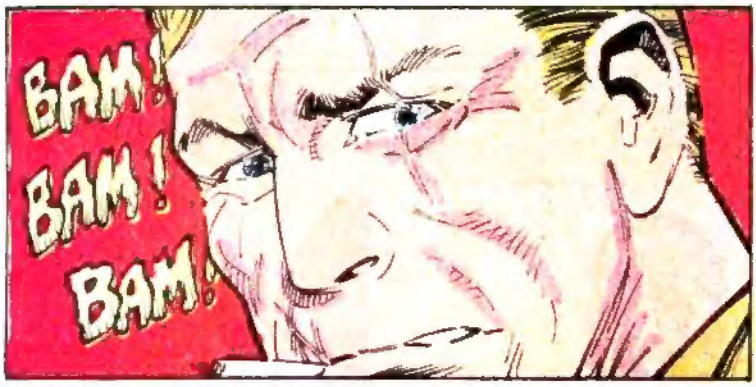
VICTORY? C'MON, COMMANDER, LET'S GET DOWN THERE BEFORE WE MISS ALL THE ACTION!

I FEAR WE ARE ALREADY TOO LATE, MY FRIEND. THE ACTION, AS YOU CALL IT, IS OVER!

SERGEANT MAJOR! HOW GOES IT?
Ah, COLONEL... AND THE COMMANDER!

SIR! ALL COMBATANTS NEUTRALIZED! ALL WEAPONS AND SUPPLIES SECURED, SIR!

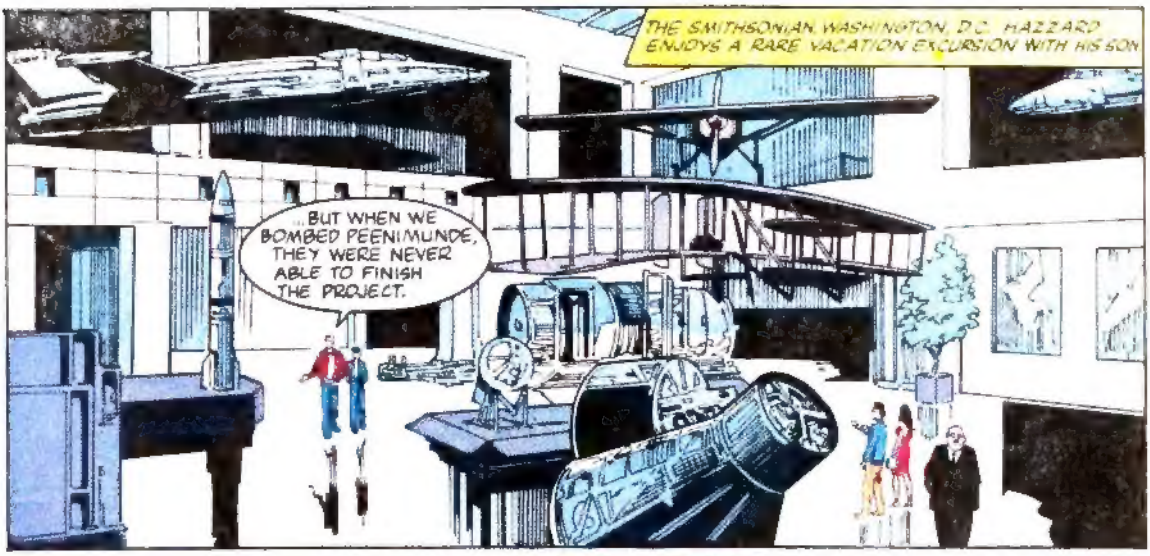
ALL IS UNDER CONTROL, MY COMMANDER! THE PIGS HAVE SURRENDERED!
AND THE PRISONERS?


BAM! BAM! BAM!

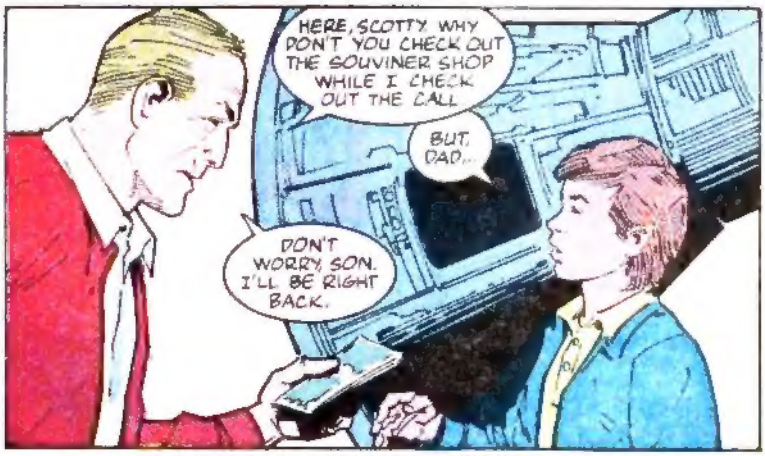
THAT'S IT THEN, COMMANDER. WE CAN TEACH YOUR MEN NO MORE. TONIGHT WE MOVE TO OUR PICK-UP POINT.
BUENO! THANKS TO YOU, PERHAPS WE WILL HAVE A CHANCE!

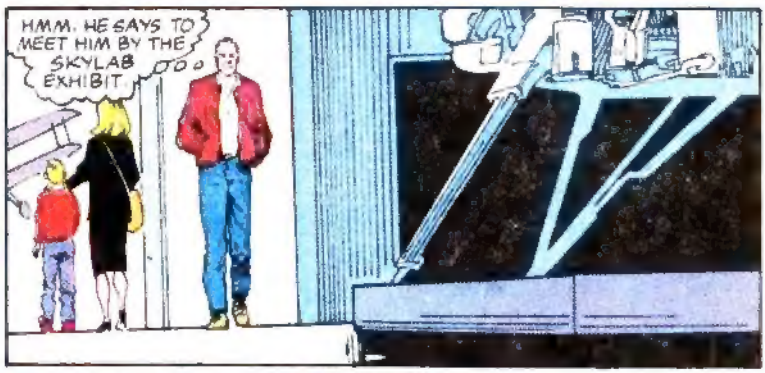
LET'S GO, SGT. MAJOR. TIME TO GO HOME!
THANKS TO YOU TOO, SGT. MAJOR! AND PLEASE GIVE MY BEST TO THE GOOD MRS. PEEL. TELL HER I HAVE SEEN HER MANY TIMES ON THE TELEVISION.

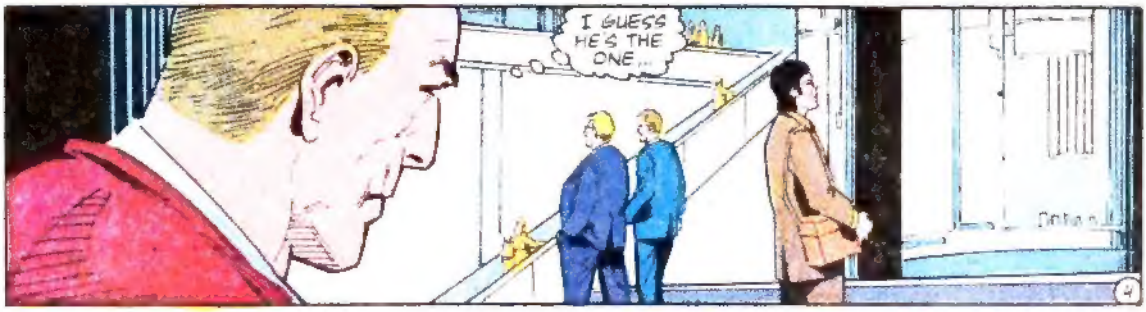
ALWAYS THE SAME BLOODY JOKE! SOMEDAY...
FORGET IT, SGT. MAJOR! LET'S MOVE IT OUT!


THE SMITHSONIAN, WASHINGTON, D.C. HAZZARD ENJOYS A RARE VACATION EXCURSION WITH HIS SON
...BUT WHEN WE BOMBED PEENIMUNDE, THEY WERE NEVER ABLE TO FINISH THE PROJECT.

MARK HAZZARD...WOULD MR. MARK HAZZARD PLEASE PICK UP A WHITE COURTESY PHONE. MARK HAZZARD.


HERE, SCOTTY. WHY DON'T YOU CHECK OUT THE SOUVINER SHOP WHILE I CHECK OUT THE CALL.
BUT, DAD...
DON'T WORRY, SON. I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.


HMM. HE SAYS TO MEET HIM BY THE SKYLAB EXHIBIT.

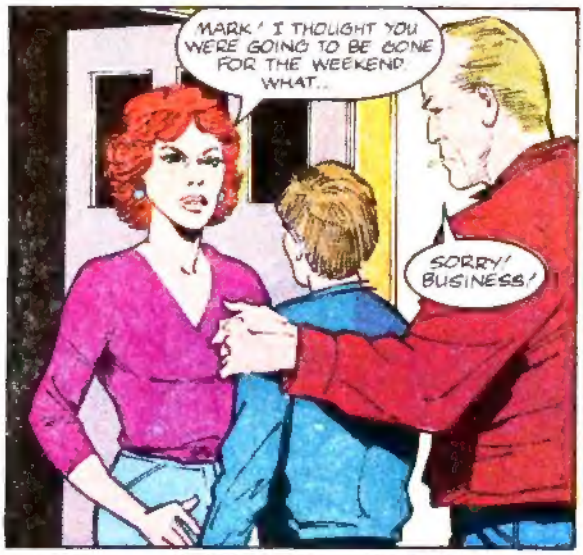

I GUESS HE'S THE ONE...

AS HAZZARD APPROACHES THE SKYLAB, THE 'TOURIST' DROPS HIS BAG...
MR HAZZARD! I REPRESENT A FORMER EMPLOYER OF YOURS
WE HAVE A PROBLEM. YOUR FRIEND, AND OURS, THE COMMANDER, HAS BEEN CAPTURED BY GOVERNMENT TROOPS.' THEY HAVE HIM IN A PLACE CALLED THE 'PUNO DEL DIABLO', THE FIST OF THE DEVIL.' IT'S SAID TO BE ESCAPE-PROOF.'
MR HAZZARD.' HE MUST BE RESCUED.' AND YOU ARE THE MAN TO DO IT.' BUT, THERE IS ANOTHER PROBLEM.
YOU'VE HEARD OF GRAHAM-RUDMANN? IT AFFECTS US TOO.' WE CAN SUPPLY TRANSPORT AND EQUIPMENT, BUT THERE'S NO MONEY. NOT A CENT. WE CAN'T PAY YOU.'
HE'S A FRIEND. YOU CAN OWE ME. BUT THERE IS ONE THING I DO WANT.
ARE YOU SERIOUS?

I'M REALLY SORRY SON, BUT SOMETHING IMPORTANT'S COME UP!
AW, DAD!

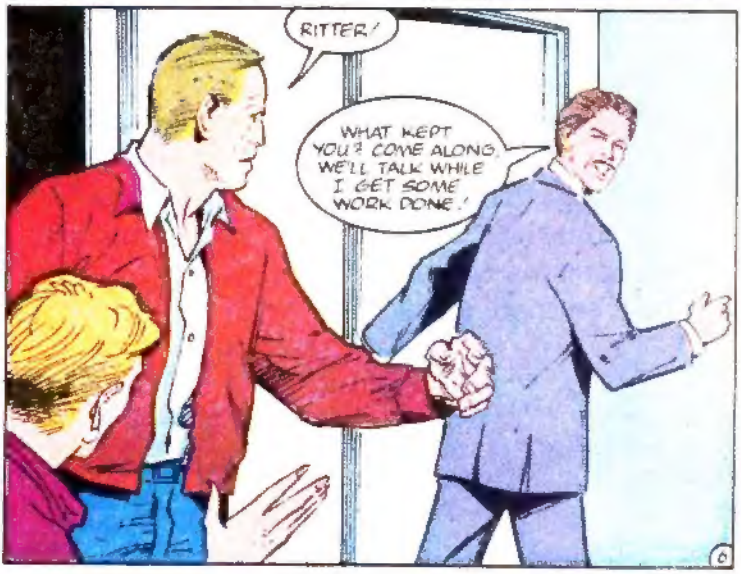
I HAVE ARRANGED SOMETHING A LITTLE SPECIAL THOUGH!

WOW! WHAT A TRIP!

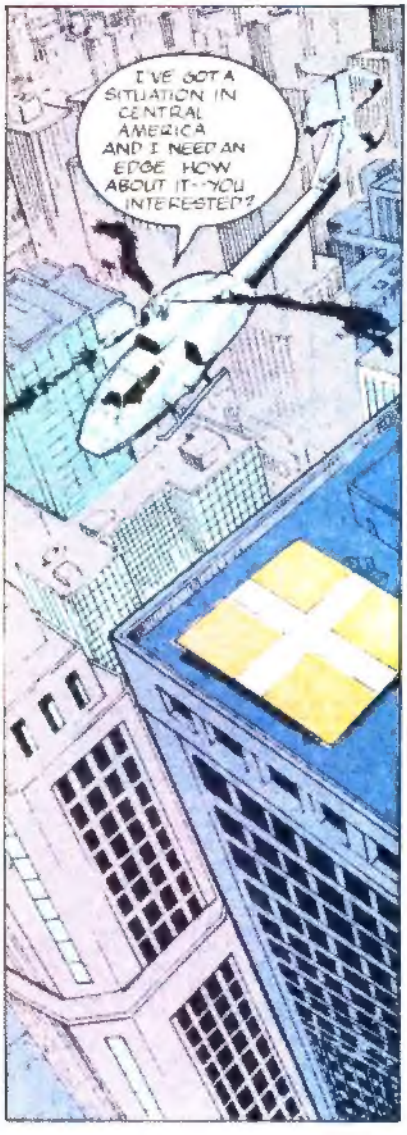

MARK! I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO BE GONE FOR THE WEEKEND. WHAT...
SORRY! BUSINESS!

LATER THE SAME DAY, AT AN UPSCALE PARK AVENUE ADDRESS

SIR! YOU CAN'T GO IN THERE!


RITTER!
WHAT KEPT YOU? COME ALONG. WE'LL TALK WHILE I GET SOME WORK DONE!

ISN'T SHE A BEAUTY! COME ON, WE'LL TALK WHILE I PUT HER THROUGH HER PACES!


I'VE GOT A SITUATION IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND I NEED AN EDGE. HOW ABOUT IT--YOU INTERESTED?

YEAH, I HEARD! BUT THEY'RE NOT OFFERING ANY MONEY! WHY SHOULD I BE INTERESTED?

THE COMMANDER IS MY FRIEND! HE NEEDS ME! HE NEEDS US! WITH A PILOT LIKE YOU WE'D HAVE A CHANCE!

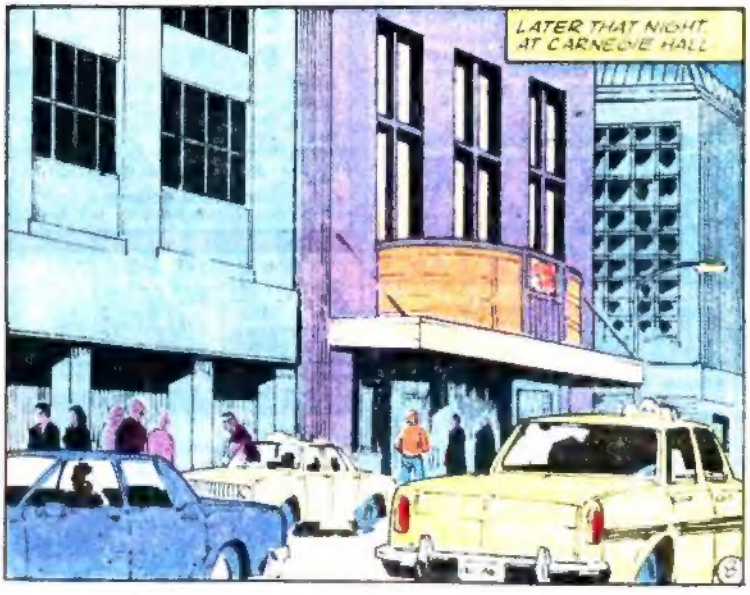
GROW UP, MAN! THIS IS BUSINESS! WHERE'S THE INCENTIVE FOR ME TO GO?

REALLY MAN, THINK ABOUT IT! WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

I'M A MERCENARY, NOT A CHARITY!
I GOT IT! AND I'LL REMEMBER IT-- FRIEND!

WHO THE BLAZES...

MR. RITTER! I THINK I HAVE A LITTLE PROPOSITION YOU MIGHT FIND OF SOME INTEREST.


LATER THAT NIGHT AT CARNEGIE HALL

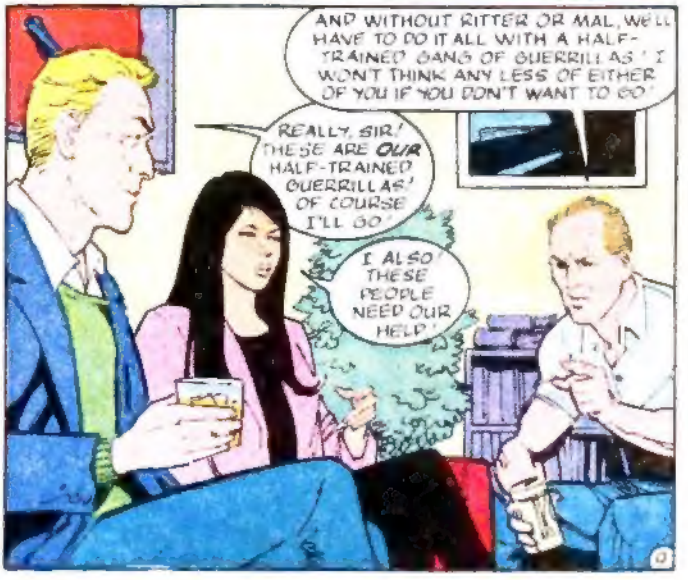
MAL! I NEED YOUR HELP!
YEAH, I HEARD. I ALSO HEAR THAT TREETOPS STILL IN THE HOSPITAL.

C'MON, MAL -- YOU KNOW WHY I HAD TO SHOOT TREETOP, AND I REALLY NEED
Shhhh!

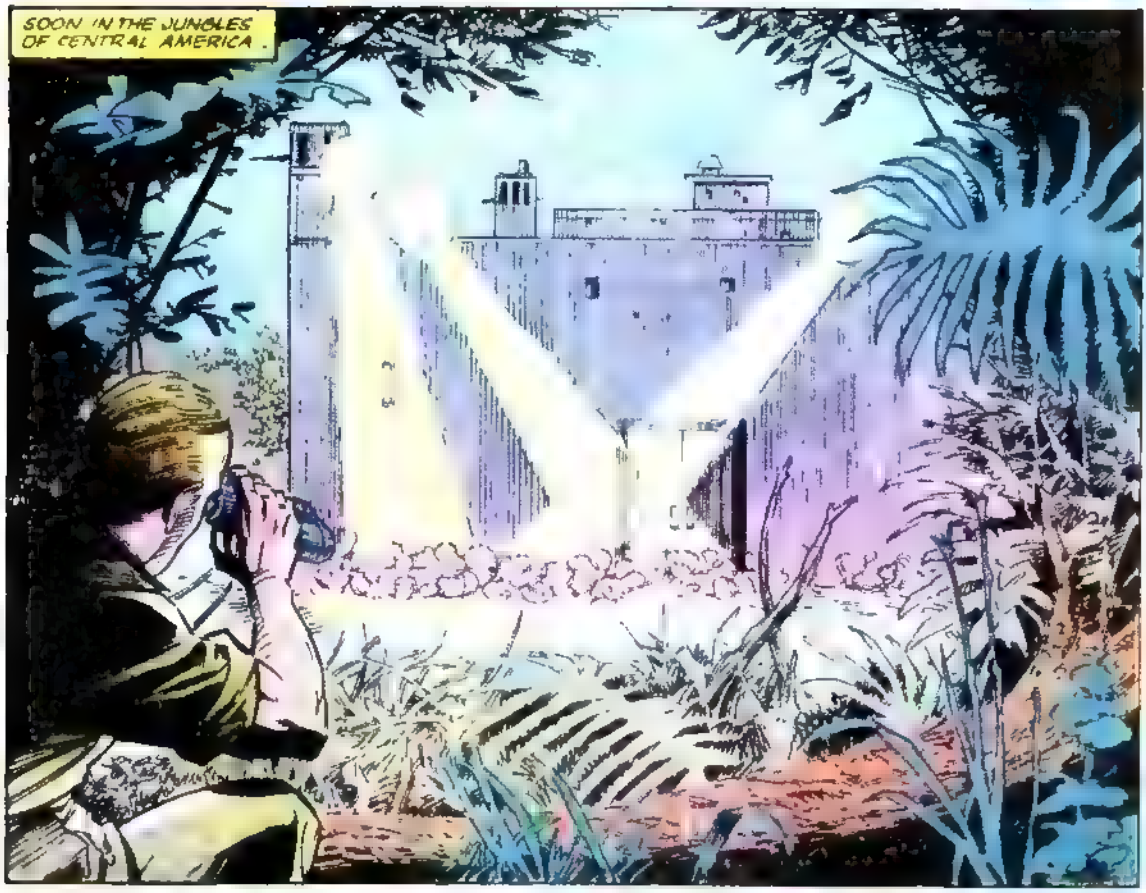
FORGET IT. JUST FORGET ALL OF IT.
THAT'S BLOODY GREAT! THROWN OUT OF THE BLOODY HALL! YOU'RE A REAL PAL, MARK!

SGT. MAJOR! DOC! THANKS FOR COMING

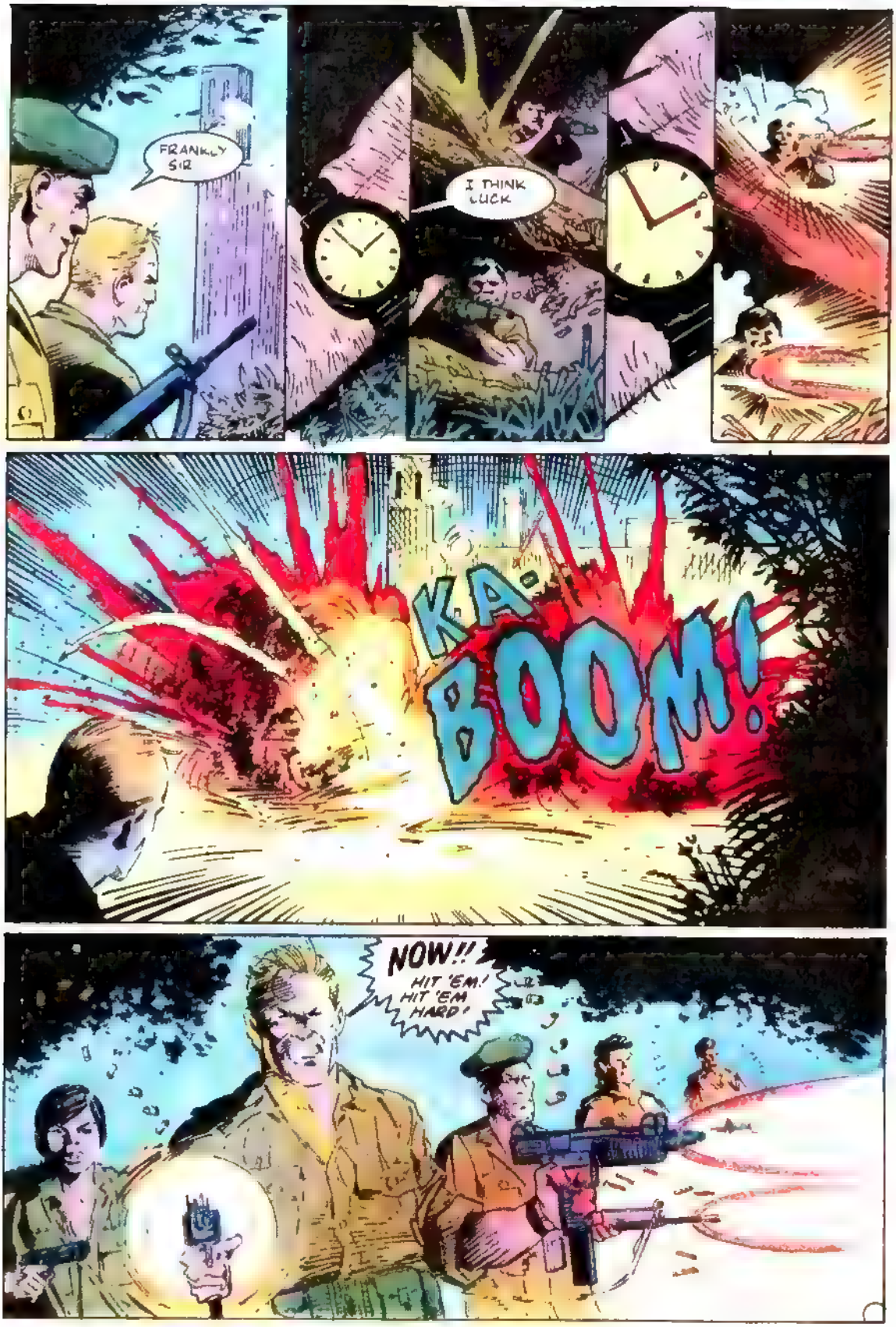
SO THAT'S THE STORY. WE HAVE TO GO IN, GET THE COMMANDER OUT, AND MAKE OUR WAY BACK THROUGH THE BUSH TO SAFETY. AND WE HAVE TO DO IT FAST. THE LONGER THEY HAVE HIM, THE LESS CHANCE THERE IS OF SAVING ANYTHING.


AND WITHOUT RITTER OR MAL, WE'LL HAVE TO DO IT ALL WITH A HALF-TRAINED GANG OF GUERRILLAS! I WON'T THINK ANY LESS OF EITHER OF YOU IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GO!
REALLY, SIR! THESE ARE OUR HALF-TRAINED GUERRILLAS! OF COURSE I'LL GO!
I ALSO! THESE PEOPLE NEED OUR HELP!

THANKS! THANKS A LOT! I'LL CONTACT THE COMPANY AND SET UP OUR TRANSPORT!


SOON IN THE JUNGLES OF CENTRAL AMERICA.

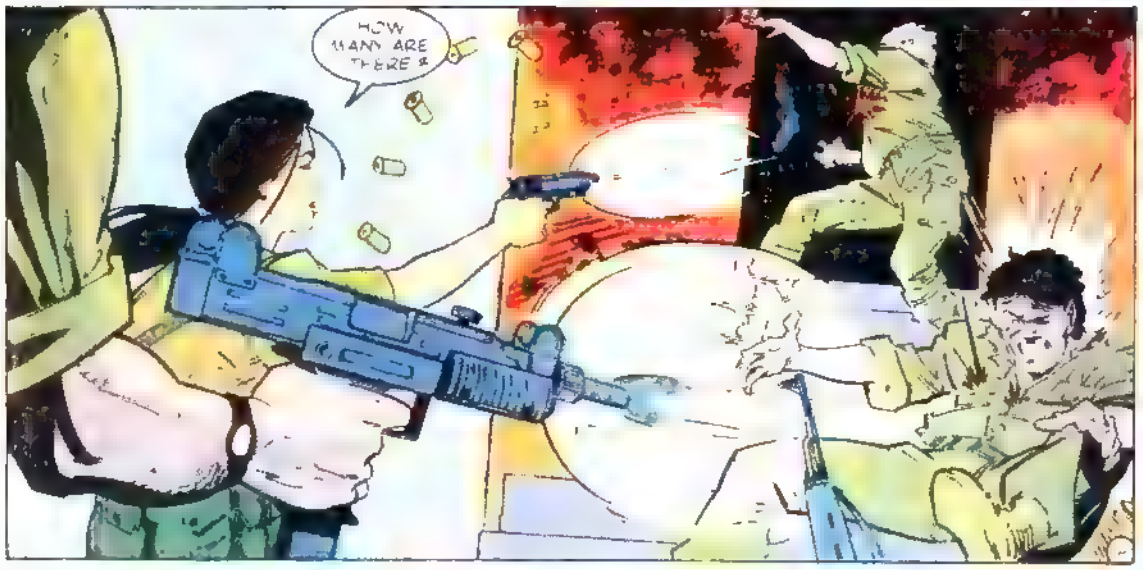
WE'RE RIGHT ON SCHEDULE SIR!
YEAH NOW IF OUR LUCK HOLDS


FRANKLY SIR
I THINK LUCK
KA-BOOM!
NOW!!
HIT 'EM! HIT 'EM HARD!

C'MON MOVE YOUR BUTTS

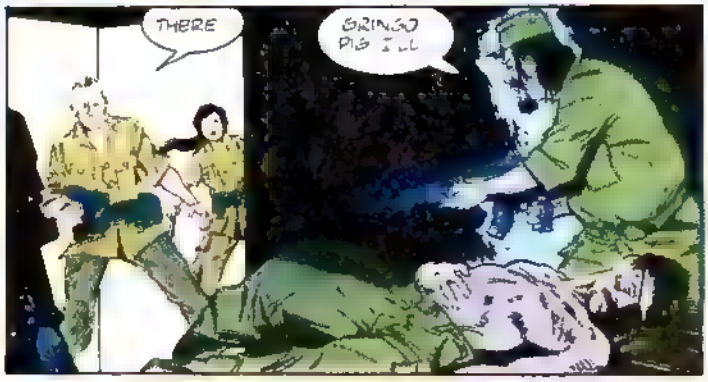
DOC WITH ME INTO THE BUILDING!
RIGHT WITH YOU, MARK

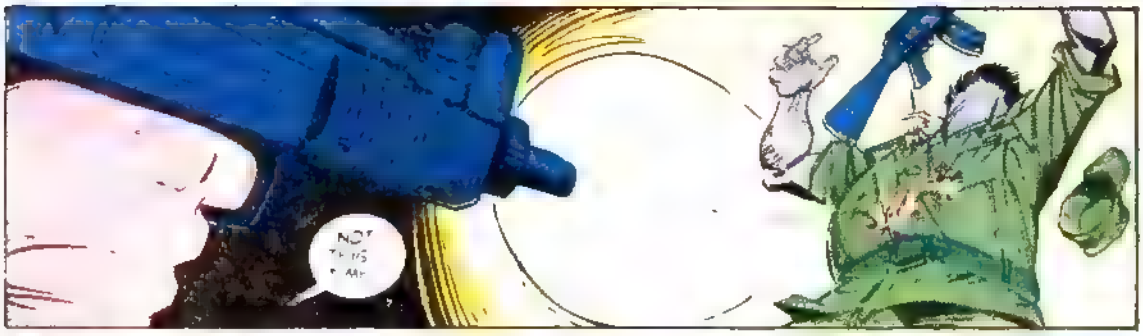
GO ON SIR WE'LL HOLD THEM HERE


HOW MANY ARE THERE?

NOT ENOUGH!

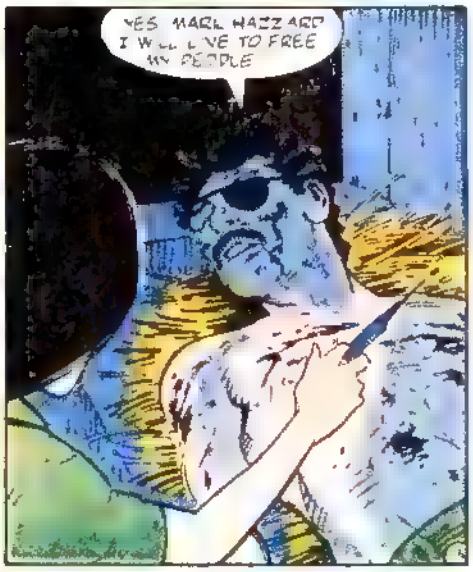
WE'VE GOT TO FINISH IT BEFORE THEY FIGURE OUT


THERE
GRINGO PIG I'LL


NOT THIS TIME

GOOD!

WILL HE MAKE IT?


YES MARK HAZZARD I WILL LIVE TO FREE MY PEOPLE

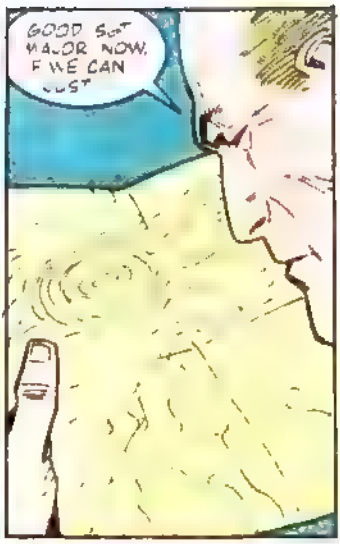
LET'S GET HIM OUT OF HERE SGT MAJOR DON'T FAIL ME NOW!

JUST DO THE FIGHTING

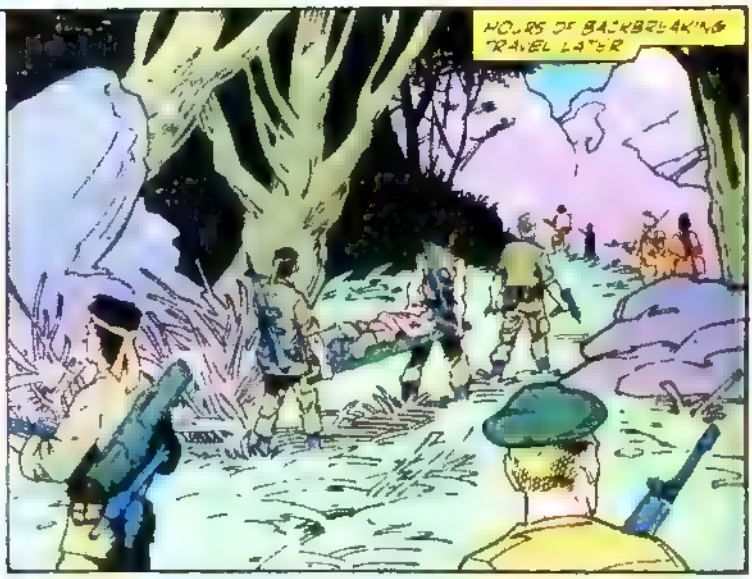
EXECUTE ALPHA NOW

WELL DONE SGT MAJOR NOW WE CAN HOLD THE REAR

NO MOVEMENT SIR I THINK WE'VE LOST THEM!


GOOD SGT MAJOR NOW, IF WE CAN JUST

IS THAT THE SPOT WHERE WE AMBUSHED THAT SUP'Y COLUMN?
YES HMMMM


HOURS OF BACKBREAKING TRAVEL LATER

THAT'S RIGHT ESTEBAN WE'RE US AT THE POINT WHERE I LAST SAW YOU NATION DO YOU ROGER?

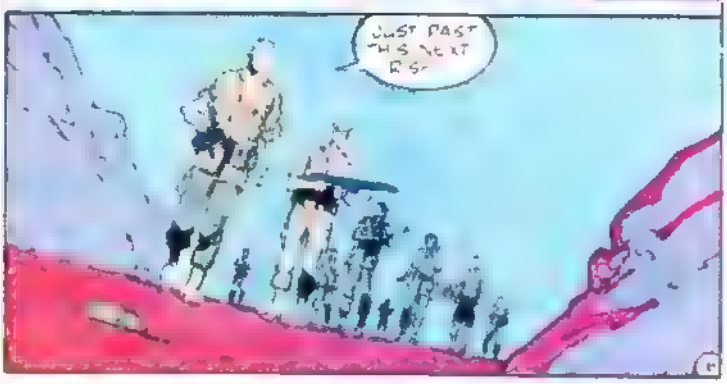
SEEMS LIKE OLD TIMES EH DOC?
EXCEPT I WAS ONE OF YOURS IN THE STRETCHER THEN

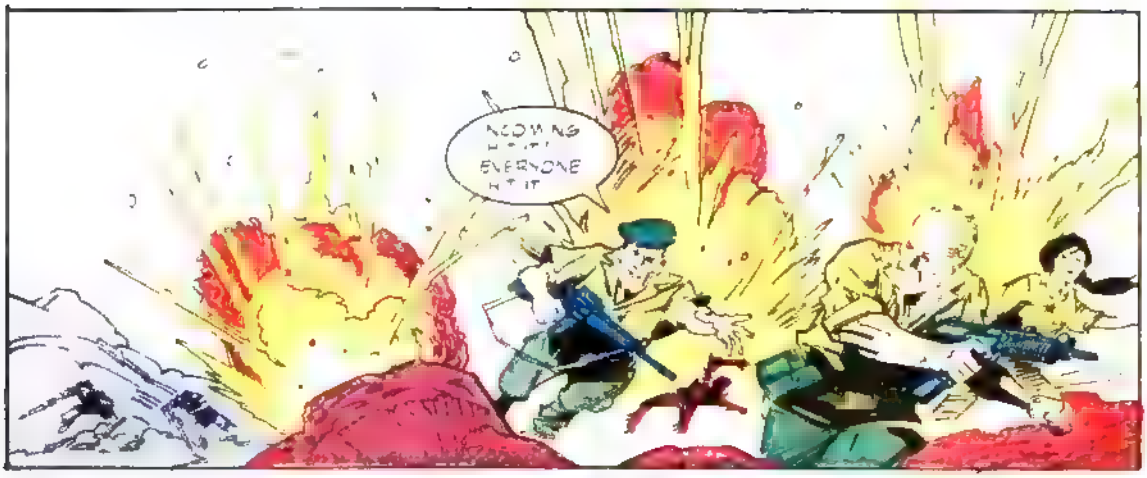
DON'T KID YOURSELF. HE'S AS MUCH MINE AS ANYBODY EVER WAS. WE DON'T HAVE A PATENT ON LOST CAUSES!

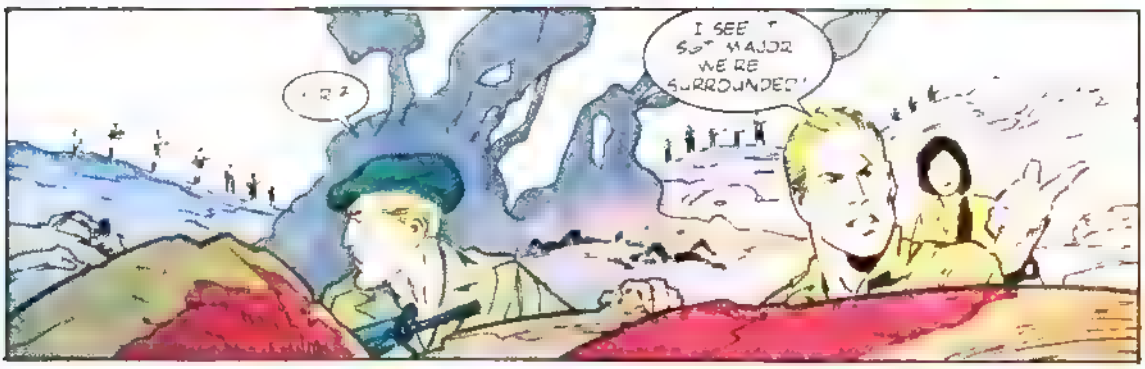
ESTEBAN WE'RE IN POSITION. ALL CLEAR?
COME ON IN, AMIGO. WE ARE WAITING!

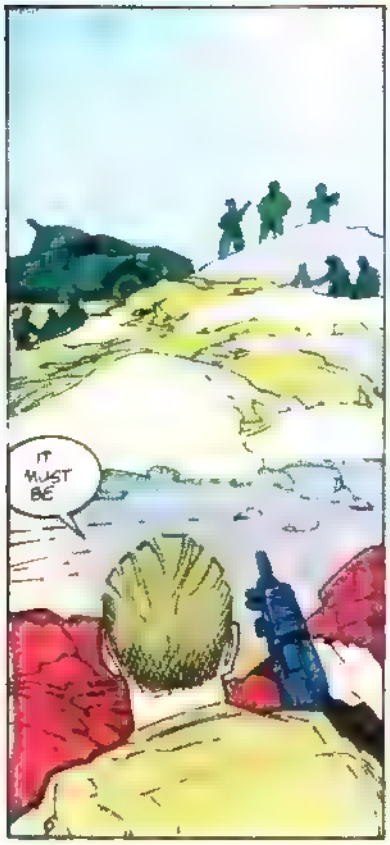
COMMANDER POC

LET'S MOVE IT ... WE'RE ALMOST HOME


JUST PAST THIS NEXT RISE


EVERYONE


I SEE
SGT MAJOR
WE'RE
SURROUNDED!


IT
MUST
BE

"ESTEBAN!"
AS YOU
CAN SEE ALL
IS AS IT
SHOULD BE!

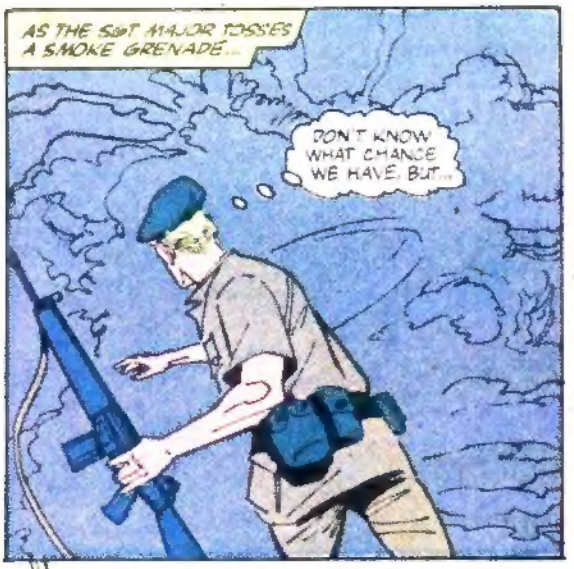
YOU ARE SURROUNDED! YOU WILL SURRENDER THESE DOGS AND THEIR COMMANDER TO ME ESTEBAN!

TRAITOROUS PIG! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN PIG

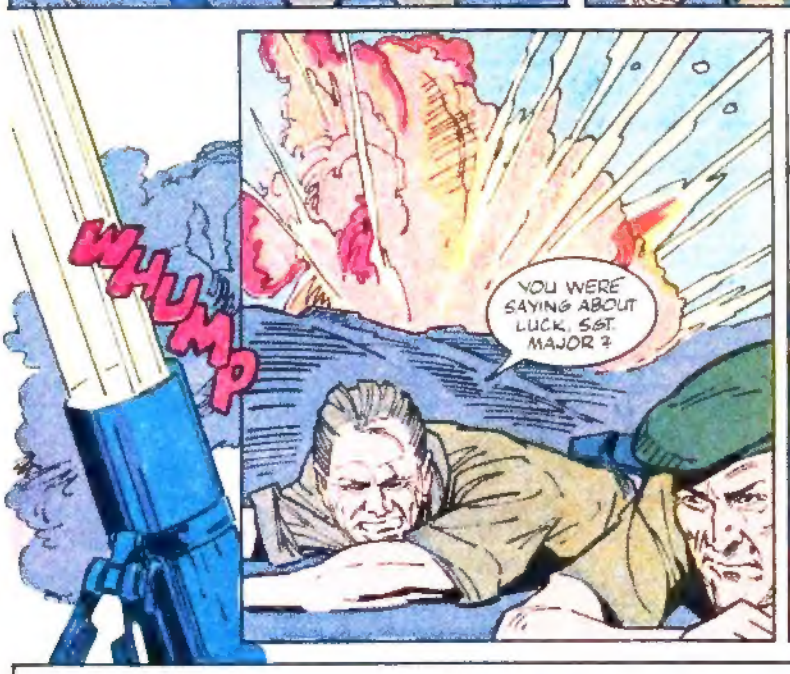
WE WILL SEE WHO IS THE PIG! PEON!
ONE CHANCE

SGT MAJOR

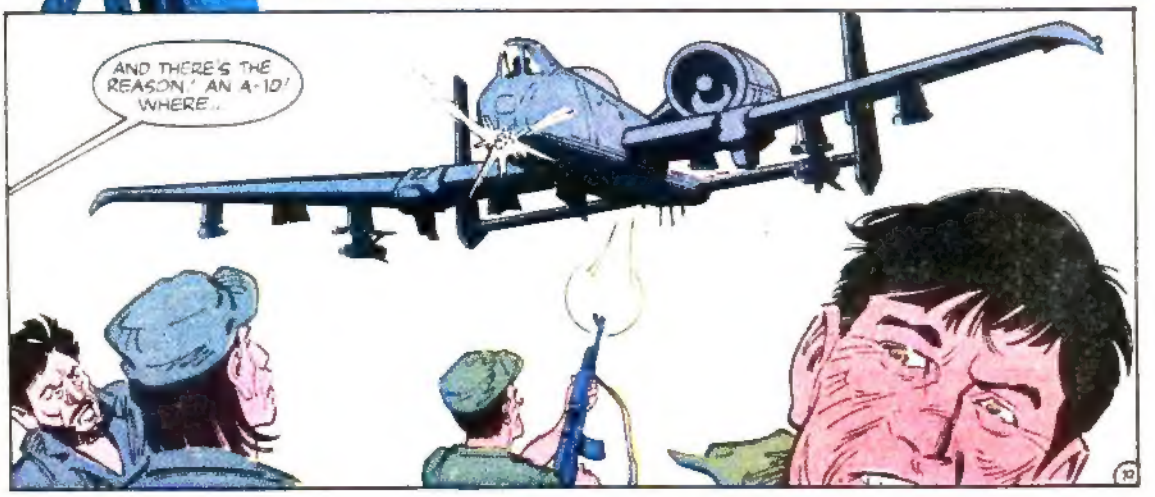
NOW!!
CRACK!

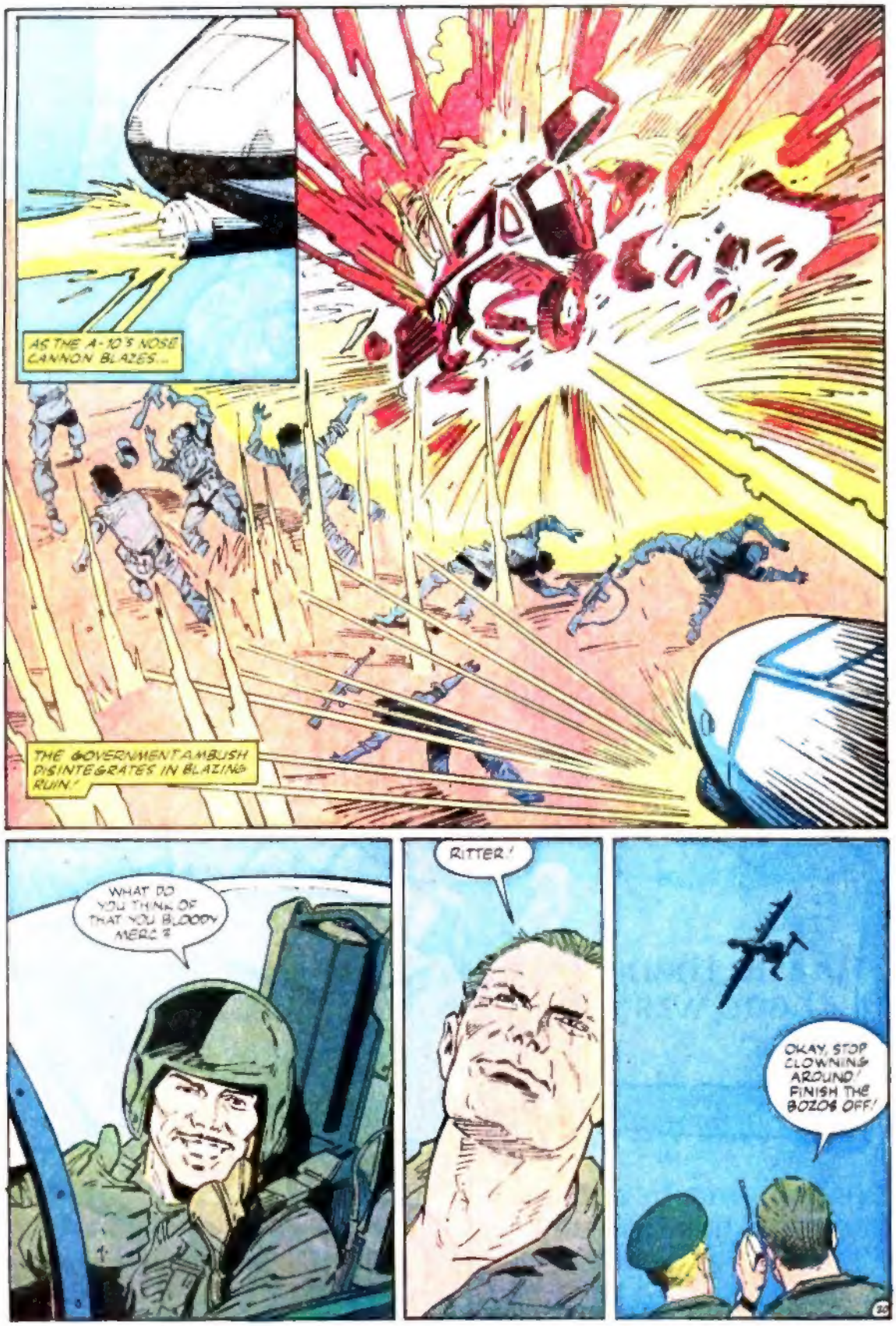

AS THE SGT MAJOR TOSSES A SMOKE GRENADE...
DON'T KNOW WHAT CHANCE WE HAVE, BUT...

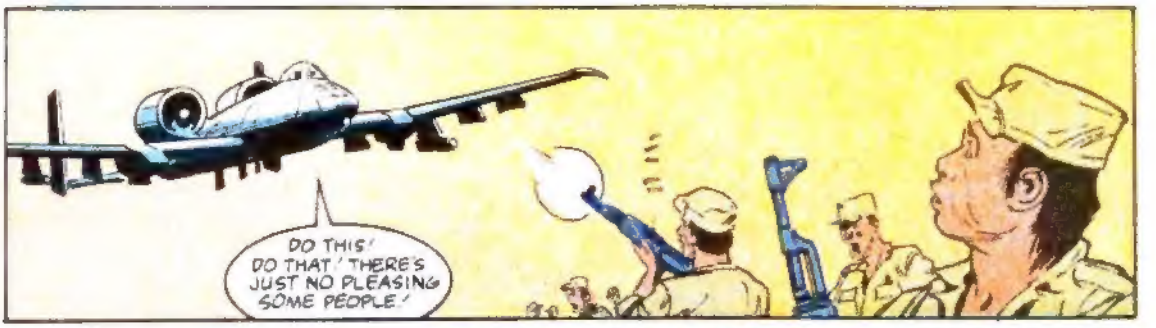
EVERYBODY! GRAB A HOLE AND PULL YOURSELF IN!

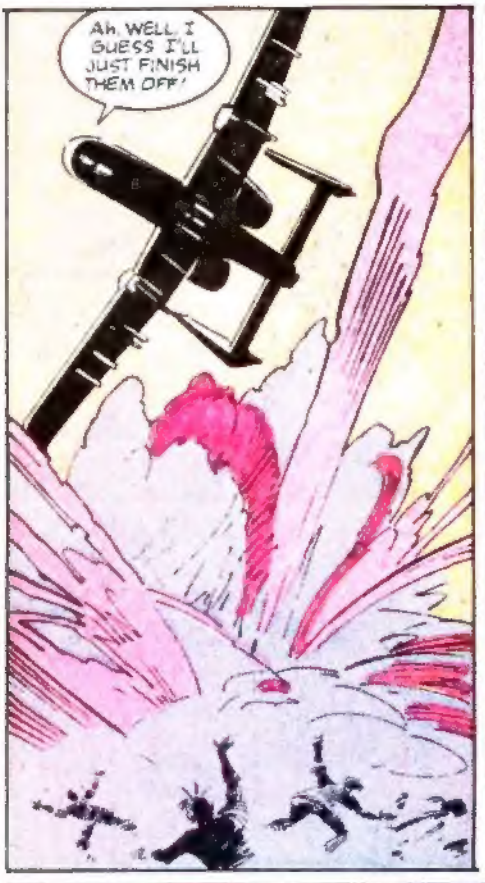

WHUMP
YOU WERE SAYING ABOUT LUCK, SGT. MAJOR?

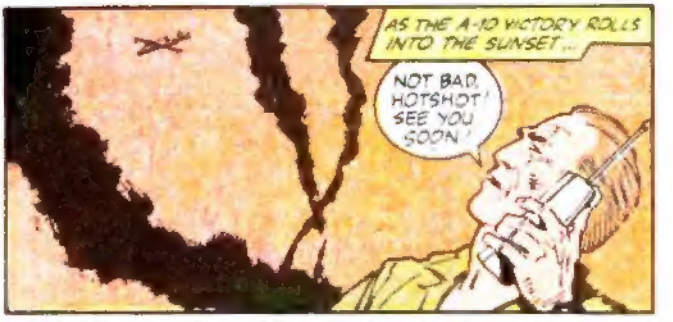
THEY'VE STOPPED FIRING!


AND THERE'S THE REASON! AN A-10! WHERE...

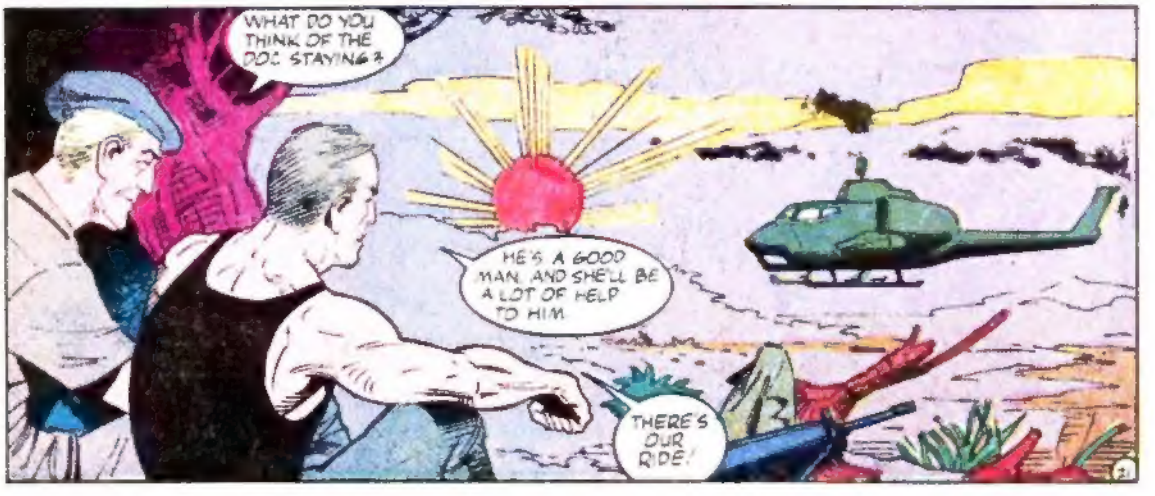

AS THE A-10'S NOSE CANNON BLAZES...
THE GOVERNMENT AMBUSH DISINTEGRATES IN BLAZING RUIN!
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT, YOU BLOODY MERC?
RITTER!
OKAY, STOP CLOWNING AROUND! FINISH THE BOZOS OFF!

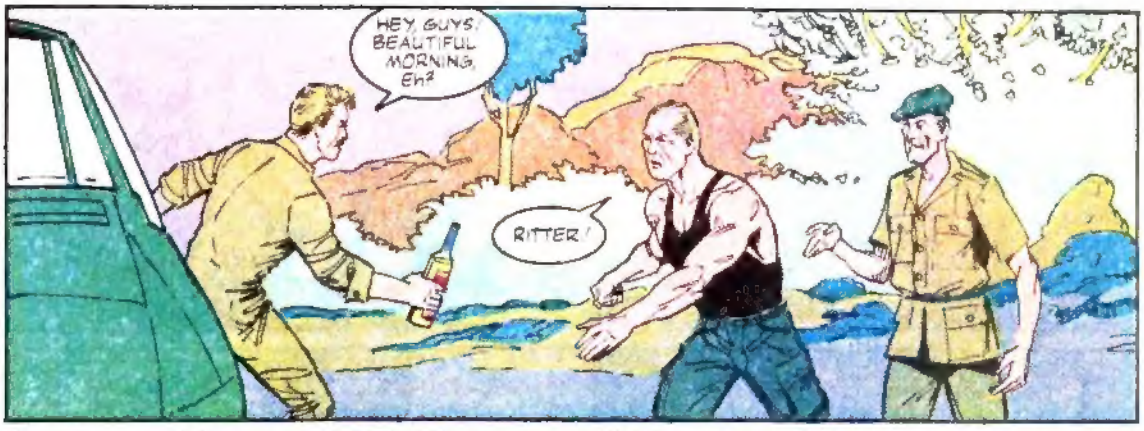

DO THIS! DO THAT! THERE'S JUST NO PLEASING SOME PEOPLE!


AH, WELL, I GUESS I'LL JUST FINISH THEM OFF!

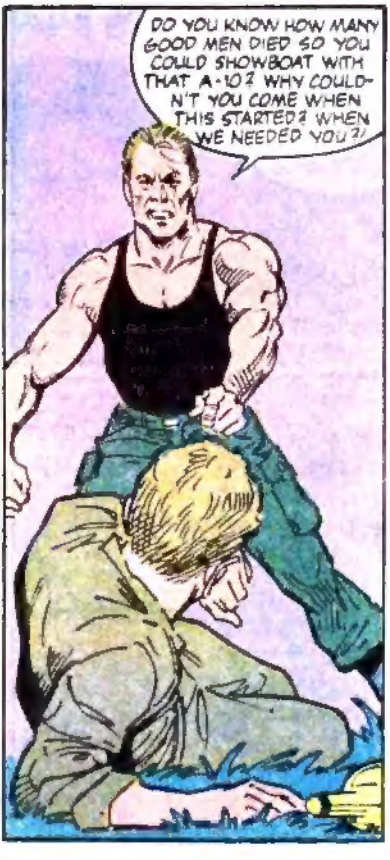

AS THE A-10 VICTORY ROLLS INTO THE SUNSET...
NOT BAD, HOTSHOT! SEE YOU SOON!

THANK YOU, MY FRIEND! WHEN WE WIN, YOU WILL BE PAID, AND PAID WELL!
DON'T WORRY. I'VE BEEN PAID ALREADY. ADIOS.


WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE DOC STAYING?
HE'S A GOOD MAN, AND SHE'LL BE A LOT OF HELP TO HIM.
THERE'S OUR RIDE!


HEY, GUYS! BEAUTIFUL MORNING, EH?
RITTER!

YOU SORRY EXCUSE FOR A HUMAN BEING!


DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY GOOD MEN DIED SO YOU COULD SHOWBOAT WITH THAT A-10? WHY COULDN'T YOU COME WHEN THIS STARTED? WHEN WE NEEDED YOU?!

HEY, MAN, YHAT 'SHOWBOAT' WAS THE ONLY REASON I CAME AT ALL! I'VE WANTED TO FLY ONE OF THOSE SUCKERS SINCE I MUSTERED OUT! IT MADE IT WORTH MY WHILE TO COME! YOU KNOW? INSTEAD OF MONEY?

COME ON, COLONEL! YOU KNOW HOW IT IS!
C'MON, MARK! INCENTIVES, MAN. INCENTIVES!
RIGHT! NOT FRIENDSHIP-- INCENTIVES!